Recommendations of Estimates Committee regarding Fill

1415. SHRI VIREN J- SHAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Estimates Committee (1990-91) had recommended regular screening of Film and Television Institute Students' films on TV in order to fulfil the important objective of FTII in improving the technical standards of Indian television programme;

(b) if so, what are the details of developments on this recommendation; and

(c) what action is being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Governing Council of the Film and Television Institute of India in its meeting held on 27th July, 11991 recommended the telecasting of Diploma films by Doordarshan. The Institute has started the preparation of a list of suitable films to enable Doordarshan to assess their suitability for being telecast.

Training capacity of the film and television Institute of India

1416. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the film and Television Institute of India (FTII), has not been able to meet the demand for training personnel in the field of television and had suggested to Government to augment the training capacity in the FTII; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) It is true that the Film & Television Institute of India has not been able to fully meet the demand for training personnel in the field of television commensurate with its phenomenal erpansion and growing demands.

(b) The Ministry has projected a scheme costing Rs. 20.89 crores for development and expansion of the Television Wing of the Institute in the 8th Five Year Plan. The implementation of the project would depend upon availability of funds. Apart from this, there is also an approved Seventh Plan Scheme for the establishment of a Regional Staff Training Institute for All India Radio and Doordarshan at Bhubaneshwar.

Import of Newsprint on barter basis from Soviet Union

1417. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import newsprint from the Soviet Union on a barter basis;

(b) if so, the quantum of newsprint to be imported and at what cost;

(c) whether the import of newsprint would ease the shortage of newsprint; and

(d) if so, to what extent and at what price the same would be given to newspaper industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) 40,000 MTs; price yet to be negotiated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Import of 40,000 MTs is against the supply-demand gap. The sale price